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SUBJECT: SPAIN--CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT-ELECT

¶1. Post has received a congratulatory letter from the former Prime Minister of Spain Felipe Gonzalez addressed to President-elect Barack Obama. The original and informal translation will be sent to the Department, attention S/ES-CR, via registered pouch, number 6340142. English text of the letter follows.

¶2. Begin text:

Mr. Barack Obama
President-Elect
United States of America

Mr. President, please accept my warmest congratulations on your electoral victory, a result of the groundswell of expectations and hopes that took shape many months before.

The U.S. people have valued your proposals for the future. Your victory brings a change and is a milestone in the history of the United States.

I wish you all the best for your mandate, your government, your country and the world in general.

Congratulations to you and to your team.

//s// Felipe Gonzalez
Former Prime Minister of Spain
End Text.

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